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recording migration observations." A number of shorter papers are equally valuable.—F. L. B.

CATALOGUE OF A COLLECTION OF HUMMINGBIRDS FROM ECUADOR AND COLOMBIA. By Harry C. Oberholser. From the proceedings of the U. S. National Museum. Vol. XXIV., pages 309-342.

The collection of hummingbirds here described was "gathered by Messrs. Claude Hamilton and Walter Goodfellow during their trip to Ecuador and Colombia, in 1898 and 1899." With the possible exception of that brought together by Baron, it is probably the finest single collection ever made, comprising, as it does, 1136 specimens, almost all in fine condition of plumage, and accompanied by proper data. Although some of them are from Colombia, by far the greater number were collected in Ecuador. One hundred and nine species and sub-species are represented." Three new forms are described. Notes touching the life history of some of the species, by the collectors, add interest and value to the paper.—L. J.

BIRD-LORE'S FIELD IDENTIFICATION BLANK.

Just as we go to press this useful little pocket blank appears. It is intended for those who are beginning the study of birds—live birds—but will prove useful to those who are trying to extend their acquaintance beyond the ordinary. Cuts of the heads of five species appear on the front cover, all natural size, while the back cover contains the contour topography of a Bluebird, with every part named. A six-inch scale on the outside of this cover completes the equipment for field study, so far as a notebook can. The first page of instructions for field work is followed by fifteen pages, upon which descriptions are to be written. Each of these pages contains a place for locality, date, haunt, length, size and shape of bill; length and shape of tail, color (twelve parts of the body), voice, movements, etc., with the reverse side for remarks. This little blank should prove useful to those who are anxious to know how to begin the study of birds. It may be obtained from the J. Horace McFarland Co., Crescent and Mulberry Sts., Harrisburg, Pa., for ten cents a copy.—L. J.

SUMMER BIRDS OF FLATHEAD LAKE. By P. M. Silloway, Principal Fergus County High School, author of "Some Common Birds." Prepared at the University of Montana Biological Station, under the direction of Morton J. Elrod.

This 83 page bulletin is accompanied with 16 half tones representing the region studied, and a number of nests and eggs of the region. The 128 species recorded are about equally divided between the strictly western species and those which range pretty much over the entire country. But that part of Montana lies